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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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28/12/2006: Look for Take, JS6RRR/JS6, to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on the HF bands from Miyako Island (AS-079, also count for WLOTA LH-0249) from December 28th through January 9th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

28/12/2006: Heiko/DL3VFN will be signing KP4/DL3VFN from Vieques, Puerto Rico (NA-099, WLOTA LH-2802) between December 28, 2006 and January 1, 2007. The trip is in planning at the present time. QSL via DL3VFN, bureau preferred or direct (Heiko Meier, Rittergutsweg 5, Zwoenitz, D-08297, GERMANY), no e-QSL. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

28/12/2006: Igor, VA3YDX, reports he will operate as VE2IDX or CG2IDX from Bizard Island (not IOTA, QC-027 for the Canadian Islands Award) December 28-30th. His main goal is to participate in the Canada Winter Contest. Look for him on +/- 14260, 3795 and 7260 kHz. QSL direct to VA3YDX. [Tnx 425 DX News]

29/12/2006: Justin/K9MU along with Dave/KC9FQD will activate EN46 as homecall/p from December 29th to January 5th. Their goal is to give EN46 to as many 6m and 2m grid chasers as they can. They will do this by monitoring 50.125 and 144.200 MHz continuously throughout their stay. Modes will be CW, SSB, and FSK441 on both bands. They will utilize a 5-element yagi (18 ft boom) at 30 feet AGL on 6 metres and a 2M12 at 35 feet AGL on 2 metres. An amplifier will provide 300 watts of power on 6m. The team has upgraded their set-up from previous grid expeditions and will now have dual IC-746's, laptops, and RigBlasters. This will allow them to run/monitor WSJT on 6m and 2m simultaneously. QSL via home calls. [Tnx F5NQL]

29/12/2006: A group of German radio amateurs, namely Bodo/DL3OCH, Ren?/DL2JRM, Dan/DL5SE and Daniel/DL5YWM will be active as W4/homecall from Key West (NA-062, USi FL-040S, Monroe county), Florida, December 29th to January 2nd. Activity will be on 10m-160m with 100 Watts and dipole, CW and SSB on the well know IOTA frequencies. EME (JT65) on 70cm and 23cm might also be possbile. They also plan to operate from a few ARLHS lighthouses and USi islands during that time frame. QSL via home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

30/12/2006: Ray, AB4YZ/m, plans to run the following U.S. counties from December 30th to January 7th - Flordia: Taylor, Madison, Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla, Franklin, Gulf, Calhoun, Jackson, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Escambia; Alabama: Baldwin, Escambia, Covington, Coffee, Geneva, Dale and Houston; Georgia: Seminole, Decatur, Grady, Thomas, Brooks, Colquitt, Worth, Tift, Turner, Irwin, Ben Hill, Telfair, Dodge, Wilcox, Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Pulaski, Bleckley, Twiggs, Laurens, Wilkenson, Baldwin, Hancock, Putnam, Jasper, Newton, Rockdale, Henry, Clayton, Fayette, Fulton, Douglas, Paulding, Bartow, Cherokee, Pickins, Gordon, Murray and Whitfield. Activity will be on the usual county hunter frequencies, both SSB and CW. Send email requests to rcram (at) rbnet.com . QSL via home call. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

30/12/2006: On December 30th 0000 hrs UTC a group of local Ottawa Amateur Radio Operators will be operating for a 24 hour period from Bate Island as CF3RCS. Bate Island is located in the Ottawa River (Island Park Drive north of the Parkway) and is considered part of the City of Ottawa. This will be a new activation for the Canadian Islands Awards Program, they hope to earn the island an island number in that program (www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/). The second part of this outing will be to operate for the duration of the RAC Canada Winter Contest (www.rac.ca/service/infocont.htm). They will be operating VHF and 6m (FM/SSB/CW) as well as 10-160m HF SSB and CW. Operating modes and contest class will depend on the operator's personal preferences and band conditions at the time. Rigs will be a Yaesu FT-897 into a Carolina Windom OCF dipole for HF and a Yaesu FT 857 into a rotatable dipole for 6m and loops for 70cm/2m. Confirmed operators at this time are VA3QV Bob, VE3TWC Terry, VE3SBC Steve, VA3UMP Mark and VA3SIE Martin. A Special QSL Card will be sent out for this event and the group would appreciate if you QSL direct to the callbook addresses for VA3SIE, VA3UMP or VA3QV. A SASE would be appreciated. [Tnx VA3SIE]

30/12/2006: Jacky, F5OGC/p will be active the new mill located on the commune of Sill? the Philippe (DMF reference 72-019), December 30th. Jacky says "nothing to see with the new mill reference 72-018 which was on the commune of Ardenay". Activation will start from 0800 or 0830 UTC on 80 metres, then QSY to 40 metres around 0900 or 0930 UTC. If Jacky does not reach the required 100 QSOs to validate the mill he will continue the activation on December 31st to make this the last activity of 2006. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx Radioamateur.org]

30/12/2006: Victor, RX9LD/6, will be active December 30, 2006 to January 7, 2007 as RX9LD/6/p from Russian district KR-45 (Mostovsky), Krasnodarsky Kraj oblast (KR). QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx RX3RC]

30/12/2006: In conjunction with the "Hello... Celebrating 100 years of Voice Over Radio Worldwide", the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society (W5TLH) will be activating the Lydia Ann Channel Lighthouse (USA-018) near Port Aransas, Texas, December 30th (1500-2000z). Suggested SSB frequencies are: 21240, 14260 and 7260 kHz. The U.S. Lighthouse Service established a radio beacon at this location in 1928. Built in 1857, it is now privately owned by the family of HEB grocery fame. Web link at: www.lighthousefriends.com/light.asp?ID=158 . QSL direct to W5TLH, c/o Jim Martin, 637 Newberry Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5622. For a QSL card use a #10 business size return envelope (SASE). For a QSL card and an unfolded certificate send a 9" x 12" return envelope (SASE). More details available at: www.w5azn.com E-mail: w5azn@arrl.net [Tnx OPDX]

01/01/2007: Rich, PA0RRS (9M2MRS), will be active again from Penang Island (AS-015) between January 1st and February 28th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/01/2007: Stig, 9N7JO, reports he will be QRV from Nepal "on and off" at various periods during 2007. He will operate on all the HF bands SSB, CW, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL direct only to his address in Thailand: Stig Lindblom, Jum Changphimai 147/1 - Moo 3, Tambon Boot, Ban Ta Bong, Phimai, TH-30110 Nakhon Ratchashima, Thailand. [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/01/2007: Francisco, CT1EAT, will be active as DU1/CT1EAT from Cabanbanan Resort, Romblon Island (OC-244, also count for WLOTA LH-1393), January 1-17th. Activity will be on 80-10 metre, SSB and RTTY. QSL via his home call sign, direct or LoTW only. More info is available at ct1eat.no.sapo.pt/ [Tnx OPDX]

01/01/2007: Tom, DL2OBO, will be active again as HB0/homecall from Liechtenstein, January 1-9th. He plans to focus on 30-160 metre CW, with some SSB and possibily some RTTY/PSK as well. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/01/2007: Operators Alfeo/I1HJT, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Carlo/IK1AOD, Marcello/IK2DIA and Silvano/I2YSB will be active as J20M and J20R from Moucha Island (AF-053), Djibouti, February 1-15th. They will have three stations and will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. The frequencies are as follows: SSB - 1840, 3795, 7050, 14190, 18130, 21295, 24925, 28450 kHz; CW - 1823, 3505, 7005, 10105, 14025, 18080, 21025, 24895, 28025 kHz; and RTTY - 10140, 14085, 18105 kHz. QSL via I2YSB, direct (Silvano Borsa, Viale Capettini 1, 27036 Mortara (PV), Italy) via the bureau or e-mail bureau request. Their web site can be found at www.i2ysb.com/J2/ [Tnx NG3K & 425 DX News]

01/01/2007: Susan, W7KFI, will be leaving Majuro Atoll (V73, OC-029), Republic of Marshall Islands, in January. She will be heading to Tarawa Atoll (T30, OC-017), Gilbert Islands, Kiribati. Keep listening for her to activate other IOTA references while en route. Her departure will include Kwajalein Atoll (V73, OC-028), Republic of Marshall Islands. QSL via K6FAF, direct only with the required SASE. Her web site is located at ussvdharma.net/ and other information can be found at W7KFI on QRZ.com [Tnx W7KFI]

02/01/2007: Starting from Jan 2007 a new Amateur Radio Station license has been issued from the SMOM, The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, with the call sign of 1A4A. The license is held from the S.M.O.M. and its manager in charge is Giorgio IZ4AKS. The first activity of this station will be from January 2, 2007, to January 8, 2007, from the extraterritorial zone of the Magistral Villa on the Aventine hill in Rome. The operators are IZ4AKS, IZ4DPV, I4UFH, IK4UPB and IW0DJB (HV5PUL). Activity will cover from 2m to 160m, SSB/CW/RTTY modes. Three stations will be active at same time, DX areas, as Japan, South America and West coast, especially on lowest bands will be empathized. The QSL manager is IZ4DPV. The license has been granted into a fundraising program to support the worldwide relief activityes of the Order of Malta. The Order follows its historic hospitaller mission providing help to the needy and the sick. Today the Order of Malta is a major global, professional organisation in terms of the humanitarian aid, medical care and emergency medicine it provides, in its management of hospitals, specialised homes for dependent elderly people, socio-medical care centres, the collection and transporting of medicines and the training of workers and ambulance staff. The Order currently has medical and humanitarian programmes in more than 120 countries. 1A4A (One Aid 4 Africa) first activity is finalized to collect founds to build a school for young girls, as part of a support plan for the rebirth of South Sudan, coordinated by the Order of Malta, together with the Italian govern. Updated information's and details about the DXPedition could be found at www.1a4a.org. To know more about The Order Of Malta, visit www.orderofmalta.org [Tnx JI6KRV]

03/01/2007: A group of German radio amateurs, namely Bodo/DL3OCH, Ren?/DL2JRM, Dan/DL5SE, Daniel/DL5YWM and Anett/DO6XX will be active as C6ARI from Elbow Cay, Cay Sal Bank (NA-219) and lighthouse (ARLHS BAH-019, TWLHD-WLH C6-004, WLOTA LH-0681), Bahamas. NA-219 belongs to the most wanted IOTAs in North America. The team leave Key Largo, Florida around January 3rd and plan to be QRV until January 10th. The date can vary because of the weather. Two stations will operate from 160m-10m in CW / SSB on the well known IOTA-frequencies. Bodo/DL3OCH will take EME-Equipment which is good

for 70cm & 23cm contacts. It will be the first time that the C6A-prefix is on the air on 23cm. Skeds are very welcome. The QSL manager is DL3OCH, direct or by the bureau. Further information check be found on their webside at www.qslnet.de/member/na219/[Tnx DL5YWM]

03/01/2007: Christian Saint-Arroman (formerly active from Mali as TZ9A and from a number of other African countries) has been authorized to operate as 5U5U from Niger since December 5th. He will be active on all bands SSB for about one month starting January 3rd, and he expects to pay regular visits to that country over the next few years. QSL direct to Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990 Urcuit, France. [Tnx 425 DX News]

03/01/2007: Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as PA3GIO/6W from Senegal between January 3-10th, from the 6W7RV DX Shack in Somone, Senegal (www.le-calao.com/). Activity will be on 160-10 metre SSB only, using 100w, V80 Titanex for low bands, 3 element monobanders for 10/15/20m and a Doublet for 12/17m. Bureau QSLs can be confirmed by using the QSL request form on his Web site, and for direct QSL, please use the info on his web site, PA3GIO DXpeditions: www.pa3gio.nl/ [Tnx OPDX]

04/01/2007: Eric, ON7SAT, reports that he will be active from Djibouti as J20SA starting January 4th for about three weeks. His activity will be SSB on 40/20/15/10 metres, if his antenna permits him. The equipment is an half size G5RV antenna and a Yaesu FT100 transceiver running 100W barefoot. QSL via ON7SAT, direct with 1 new IRC or by the bureau. [Tnx 425 DX News]

05/01/2007: Neil, V73NS, will again be active from the Island of Roi-Namur (OC-028), Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands around January 5, 2007 and stay there until sometime in 2009. Activity will be mostly CW on 160-6 metres. QSL direct (Neil Schwanitz, Box 8341, APO, AP 96557 USA) or by the bureau c/o WD8CRT. His web site can be found at www.qsl.net/v73ns/ . QSL's for 2003 to 2005 QSO's are ok to the same address. [Tnx K1XN]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

15/01/2007: Look for Ken, K4ZW, hopes to be signing JT1/K4ZW from Mongolia January 15-25th. Emphasis will be placed on the lowbands and in particular 160 metres. QSL via home call. [Tnx NG3K]

08/02/2007: Look for Dennis, WA2USA, to be signing WA2USA/5 from Grand Isle (NA-168, USi LA-003S, Jefferson county), Louisiana between February 8-19th. He will be active before the ARRL CW DX contest on CW and SSB on 80 through 20 metres and during the contest on all bands 80 thru 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

13/02/2007: Jeff/KU8E and John/K4BAI will be QRV from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, also count for WLOTA LH-1279) as PJ4/KU8E and PJ4/K4BAI between February 13-27th. They will participate in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 17-18th) as PJ4A, a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Outside the contest look for them to be active on 160-10m, mainly CW. Activity on 6 metre CW and SSB is also possible. QSL via home calls. [Tnx Radioamateur.org]

15/02/2007: Members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) will once again be on tour. Look for operators Markus/DJ7EO, Heye/DJ9RR, Christian/DL1MGB, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Dieter/DL8OH to be active as VK9DNX from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between February 15th and March 3rd, 2007. Activity is planned for 160-10 metres on CW, SSB and RTTY, with a focus on the lower

bands. QSL via DJ2MX direct, via the bureau or email request on the DXpedition web site at www.df3cb.com/vk9dnx/ . On-line log will also be available. [Tnx DF3CB]

16/03/2007: AFRI75 IRTS 75th Jubilee Dxpedition 2007 - This is a DXpedition to Swaziland between 16th March 16th-30th to celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society. The DXpedition will be QRV for St. Patrick's Day and for the CQ WPX contest. Call signs in use will be published as soon as available. The expedition leader is IRTS vice president Paul Martin, EI2CA. A private newsgroup for this DXpedition is available at uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/AFRI75/ . Admision to this group is by request only and is at the discretion of the group moderators. So far, the members signed up for the expedition are: Peter/EI7CC, Aidan/EI8CE, Paddy/EI8BFB, David/EI4DJ (GI4FUM), Rory/EI4DJB, Brendan/EI3GV, Pete/GI4VIV and Paul/EI2CA. Skeds may be requested to any expedition member. Further information to follow. [Tnx Southgate ARC]

19/03/2007: Mark/W9OP and Bob/W4OWY, will again be active from the island of Antigua (NA-100, also count for WLOTA LH-1118) between March 19th and 25th. They will be QRV 160-10m CW, SSB and RTTY. Requested calls are V25WY (W4OWY) and V25OP (W9OP). QSL via home calls. [Tnx NG3K]

28/07/2007: Jean-Jacques, ON7EQ, will be QRV as F/OT3T from the ?le de Batz (EU-105, DIFM MA-018) for the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th). Outside of the contest they will try and activate the Île de Batz lighthouse (DPLF 094, ARLHS FRA-071, WLOTA LH-0680). Activity will be on all bands, SSB only. QSL via ON7EQ, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

30/12/2006: To celebrate their 60th Diamond Anniversary, the International Shortwave League (ISWL) will be QRV December 30th and 31st as GB6SWL from Walton on the Naze, Essex. Herbie, G6XOU, will be the main operator. QSL via: The ISWL QSL Bureau (G6XOU), Belle Fleurs, 18 Wade Reach, Walton on the Naze, Essex, CO14 8RG England. [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

01/01/2007: In 2007 Mexico's FMRE will celebrate 75th anniversary (LMRE, FMRE) and XE stations will use new prefixes: 6G1LM from January 1st to December 31st; 6F75A January 1st to December 31st for contests for FMRE; 6H1 for XE1 and suffix; 6I2 for XE2 and suffix XE2MX as 6I2MX; 6J3 for XE3 and suffix working foreign stations; and 6E4 for XF4 Revillagigedo. Pepe, XE2MX, needs QSL cards during 2007 as 6I2MX. In a future Mexico will use 10 zones XE1, XE2, XE3, XE4 XE5, XE6, XE7, XE8, XE9 AND XE0. Pepe, XE2MX, might be XE7MX (hi) around May 1st. [Tnx K1XN]

01/01/2007: The special event call sign EI100S will be aired from January 1 to December 31, 2007 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. QSL info will be available on QRZ.com. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/01/2007: Special event station GB0WAB is to be run on New Years Day by members of the Peterborough and Huntingdon ARC. Operation will be on PSK31, RTTY, PHONE and CW, with operation on 80/40/20/6/2 metres. This is the first day of the new Special Event Station Award being offered by W.A.B. and the team hopes to be on the air just after Midnight. See the Special Event Stations Award page (wab.intermip.net/Special Event Stations Award.php) for full details. [Tnx W.A.B.]

01/01/2007: First Anniversary Special Event Station K1Y. The Straight Key Century Club (skccgroup.com/) invites you to celebrate our first anniversary

with Special Event Station K1Y. Stations will be operating in all call areas on all HF bands from January 1-31st. All Special Event operators will be using straight keys and bugs. Operators are free to use any part of the bands but will probably concentrate around the SKCC frequencies (skccgroup.com/opfreq.htm). Special Event QSL cards are available for working stations in each call area. Certificates will be awarded for contact with all call areas. Send an appropriately sized SASE for QSL cards and certificates (8-1/2x11 if you don't want folds) to: Kevin der Kinderen K4VD, 3967D Oldtown Road, Shawsville, VA 24162-2045. Questions can be sent to K4VD at kevin (at) k4vd.net [Tnx SKCC]

01/01/2007: Special callsign LZ2007EU will be aired from the HQ of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs from January 1st through April 30th to celebrate the accession of Bulgaria to the European Union. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau preferred). [Tnx 425 DX News]

01/01/2007: Look for special event station SX100VAR to be active during the year 2007 (January 1st to December 31st) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. QSL info will be available on QRZ.com. Look for details (www.qrz.com/callsign/SX100VAR) on how to earn a award for working SX100VAR. [Tnx OPDX]

01/01/2007: The Japanese IOTA Islands Award (JIIA) Activity Year will run from January 1 through December 31, 2007 to celebrate the programme's 5th anniversary. A special award will be issued for contacts made with at least 10 stations operating from different islands. Please contact Yuki, JI6KVR (ji6kvr [at] dance.ocn.ne.jp) for further information. [Tnx 425 DX News]

02/01/2007: Celebrations of the Scouting Movement founding 100 years ago will first happen via amateur radio at Scouts Australia's Jamboree January 2-13th with the special event call sign VI3JAM being activated. The Australian Jamboree is expecting 13,000 to attend. QTH is Elmore about 150 kms north of Melbourne. Also throughout the scout centenary year 2007, a second special event station VI3SAA will be QRV from a number of scout centenary events. Two commemorative QSLs will be issued - VI3SAA reflecting the Scouting Centenary theme 'One World One Promise', and VI3JAM in celebration of the 21st Australian Jamboree. [Tnx UBA HF News]

04/01/2007: Special event station 8J1BB will be aired January 4-17th for the Bunkyo-city Disaster Prevention (or Bosai) Exhibition. QSL via the JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

28/01/2007: To celebrate the Carl Linnaeus tercenterary, the Uppsala Radio Club (SK5DB) will activate the special call SC5L and a diploma for the occasion. The activity will run from January 28th through June 26th. A QSL will be sent automatically for uniqe first contacts (band/mode). QSLs are not needed for the diploma, but if you want to send a QSL to them, use the bureau. The club only needs a QSL for your first contact. More information and full rules will be found at www.sk5db.se OR www.qrz.com/detail/SC5L [Tnx SK5DB]

GB60SWL is now QRT - after 12 very successful operations throughout 2006.

However, The International Shortwave League (ISWL), has one Final weekend on the air with GB6SWL - the other 60th (Diamond) Anniversary Callsign.

GB6SWL has also had a very successful year and I would like to thank everyone, both members and non members, for their participation each weekend and Public holiday throughout the past 12 months.

GB6SWL - The FINAL WEEKEND:
December 30th and 31st - "GB6SWL" will be QRV for 2 days from Walton on the Naze, in Essex. Herbie - G6XOU will be the main operator.

The ISWL Club Callsigns - " GX4BJC /A " and " MX1SWL /A " are also QRV until the end of December.

The ISWL Club Callsigns - " GX4BJC /A " and " MP1SWL /A " will be QRV throughout January 2007.

Please note that /A suffixes have been re introduced in the UK.

The ISWL Awards Programme, is open to non members for a very small fee, to cover postage to any country in the world.

There is still a few days for members and NON members, to qualify for a Diamond Anniversary award. Please see http://www.iswl.org.uk for all details, including QSL information and Special Diamond Anniversay Awards etc.

If you have a query please email me at the newsdesk.

The Diamond Award finishes at 2359Z on 31st December 2006 and Claims for the award will be accepted until 31st January 2007.

So if you have Worked or Heard 60 Countries during 2006, why not make a claim for this nice "Once in a Life Time" Certificate?.

73 to all es gud DX in 2007!

de Pete Rayer
ISWL Life Vice President
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[Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

Special Event Callsigns for Scouting Ireland
2007 is the centenary of World Scouting and in 2008 Scouting Ireland will celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Ireland.
As part of the centenary celebrations; Scouting Ireland has been allotted two special event callsigns:
EI100S (Echo India One Hundred Sierra)
and
EI100SI (Echo India One hundred Sierra India)
for 2007 and 2008.
Scout Groups wishing to avail of the callsigns should apply to Sean EI3IP who can be contacted by email at jota at scouts dot ie. [Tnx F5NQL]
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave - VA3RJ
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